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The Council met in the Legislative Chamber at 12 Noon, with the Dewan President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls.

1. Rajyasevapravina C. V. Chandrasekharan (*Pro-vice-Chancellor.*)
2. Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction.*)
3. „ K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Food Supplies.*)
4. „ P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner.*)
5. Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Rationing in coastal areas.

24. * **Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli, and Ambalapuzha cum Shertala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have introduced any system of rationing in the coastal areas of Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli, Ambalapuzha, Shertala and Chirayinkil taluks excluding the towns ; and

(*b*) if so, the quantity of rice supplied per head per day or week ?

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Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Food Supplies*): (*a*) and (*b*) No ration has been introduced in non-municipal areas. The respective Tahsildars have been directed to use their discretion and distribute the food grains allotted for the taluks, among the most distressed and needy section of the population.

Industrial loans.

25. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the aggregate amount budgeted towards industrial loans during the last five years and the amount actually disbursed as loan so far?

Mr. E. I. Chacko (*Director of Industries*): The aggregate amount budgeted for industrial loans during the last 5 years 1113-1117 is Rs. 65,000. The amount actually disbursed during the period is Rs. 21,285.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I ask the Director of Industries whether he has made any endeavour to ascertain that these loans were actually expended for the specific purpose stated in the applications?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: Yes, Sir; enquiries are made.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether the Director of Industries is responsible for recommending the disbursement of the loans that were found to be irrecoverable?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: He is not alone responsible for that. There is a Board of Industries functioning under the chairmanship of the Director of Industries and that board is responsible for the loans.

Leasing of lands for cultivation.

26. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased;

(*a*) to lay on the table the Government order regarding the leasing of land for cultivation; and

(*b*) to state the aggregate area of land leased out so far?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) A copy of G. O. R. O C. No. 11774/42/Devpt., dated the 22nd, December 1942, is laid on the Secretary's table.

(*b*) 5,547 acres

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know the aggregate area demarcated for agricultural purposes and whether they have been leased out?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar: About ten thousand acres have been demarcated.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know, is that the total area available throughout the State?

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